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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN APPLICATION OF )  
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FILED: AUGUST 24, 2001 ) EXAMINER: S. P. SIEFKE  
TITLE: POLYASPARTIC ACID )  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the  
Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the  
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